

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

“Today, most enterprises create data paths using a collection of device specific tools while referring to spreadsheets for SAN device information. Some enterprises have written scripts to address the complexity of storage provisioning in a SAN. These scripts have to be modified whenever new equipment is added to the SAN and executed by hand. In many cases they have selected one security mechanism rather than using all of the mechanisms to reduce complexity. In some cases, corporate databases have been created to maintain the settings of all the devices in the SAN although many organizations still use paper documents to keep track of current settings.”

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

“A preferred embodiment of the present invention is directed towards a method of creating a data path for a process executing on a server coupled to a storage area network (SAN). The method includes parameterizing a set of attributes for a desired data path between the process and a device of the SAN; and constructing the data path that provides the set of attributes. For purposes of this application, the term attributes includes details about data volumes, security settings, performance settings, and other device and policy settings, ~~and~~ parameterizing is defined to include defaults selected by the system to help the administrator make better choices when creating a template which reflects data path policy and rules, ~~with~~ parameterizing attributes referring to an abstraction of the configuration, implementation and creation steps to identify the desired end product without necessarily specifying implementation details.”

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

“Automated storage provisioning is a powerful system for enterprises with extensive storage networks to reduce their personnel requirements and better utilize their storage infrastructure. As used herein, the term automatic means that all the underlying SAN infrastructure and settings are configured by the DataPath Engine without administrator intervention based solely on a request specifying an application, data volume size and template. The above description refers to the construction of a data path.”